THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) An Executive Level U.S. Telecommunications Trade Mission visited Delhi recently. This Mission held detailed discussions with officers of Department of Telecommunications on 25th April, 1988 regarding Indo-US Co-operation in the field of Telecommunications. However, there was no specific offer.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Divisional Post Offices**

719. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the districts in the country having no Independent Divisional Post Offices; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to create Divisional Post Offices in all districts centres and by when?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) A Postal Division is created by bifurcating an existing Postal Division when the workload of the existing Postal Division as per SIU norms of Ministry of Finance comes to 2.6 units. There is further stipulated that after bifurcation the workload of both the Divisions i.e. old and new should not be less than 0.9 units. Therefore it is not possible for each district to have a separate Postal Division.

**Statement**

| Circle | Name of the District not having a Dn of its own | Name of the State/UT. under whose jurisdiction the District falls |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Punjab Circle | 1. Ropar | Punjab |
| Haryana Circle | 1. Mahender garh | Haryana |
| | 2. Jind | Do |
| | 3. Sirsa | Do |
| Himachal Pradesh | 1. Kinnaur | Himachal Pradesh |
| | 2. Bilaspur | Do |
| | 3. Una | Do |
| | 4. Kulu | Do |
| | 5. Sirmaur | Do |
| | 6. Lahul and Spiti | Do |
| Karnatak circle. | 1. Nil | |
| Orissa circe | 1. Kalahandi | Orissa. |
| Bihar Circle. | 1. Gumla | Bihar |
| | 2. Lohradaga | Do |
| | 3. Nawada | Do |
| | 4. Deoghar | Do |
| | 5. Godda | Do |
| | 6. Sahebganj | Do |
| | 7. Katihar | Do |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| | 8. Madhepura | Do |
| | 9. Khagaria | Do |
| | 10. Gopalganj | Do |
| Andhra Pradesh Circle | 1. Rangareddy | Andhra Pradesh |
| Gujarat Circle | 1. Ahwa Dangs | Gujarat |
| | 2. Daman | U.T. of Goa, Daman and Diu |
| | 3. Diu | Diu |
| Kerala Circle | 1. Wynad | Kerala |
| | 2. Laccadives | U.T. of Lakashadweep |
| | 3. Mahe | U.T. of Pondichery. |
| Madhya Pradesh Circle | 1. Panna | Madhya Pradesh |
| | 2. Narsinghpur | Do |
| | 3. Raisen | Do |
| | 4. Shajapur | Do |
| | 5. Shivpuri | Do |
| | 6. Dhar | Do |
| | 7. Rajgarh | Do |
| | 8. Seoni | Do |
| | 9. Rajanandgaon | Do |
| | 10. Sidhi | Do |
| | 11. Bhind | Do |
| | 12. Tikamgarh | Do |
| | 13. Damoh | Do |
| | 14. Datia | Do |
| | 15. Khargone | Do |
| | 16. Jhabua | Do |
| | 17. Dewas | Do |
| | 18. Mandla | Do |
| | 19. Satna | Do |
| | 20. Ambikapur | Do |
| | 21. Betul | Do |
| Tamil Nadu Circle | 1. Nil | |
| North Eastern Circle | 1. Karimganj | Assam |
| | 2. Sibsagar | Do |
| | 3. Lakhimpur | Do |
| | 4. Gopalpara | Do |
| | 5. Kokarajhar | Do |
| | 6. Darang | Do |
| | 7. Karbi Auglong | Do |
| | 8. North Cachar Hills | Do |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| | 9. Barpeta | Do. |
| | 10. West Khasi Hils | Meghalya |
| | 11. Jaintia Hills | Do. |
| | 12. East Garo Hills | Do. |
| | 13. West Garo Hills | Do. |
| | 14. South Tripura | Tripura |
| | 15. Lunglie | Mizoram(UT) |
| | 16. Chimtuipui (Saiha) | Do. |
| | 17. Manipur -West | Manipur |
| | 18. Manipur East | Do. |
| | 19. Mainpur North | Do. |
| | 20. Manipur South | Do. |
| | 21. Tengnopol | Do. |
| | 22. Bishenpur | Do. |
| | 24. Yhowfal | Do. |
| | 25. Tuensang | Nagaland |
| | 25. Phek | Do. |
| | 26. Wokha | Do. |
| | 27. Zenebote | Do. |
| | 28. Mon | Do. |
| | 29. Mokokchung | Do. |
| | 30. West kameng (Bomdilla) | Arunachal Pradesh (UT) |
| | 31. East Kameng (Seppa) | Do. |
| | 32. Upper Subansiri (Daporijo) | Do. |
| | 33. West Siang (Along) | Do. |
| | 34. East Siang (Passighat) | Do. |
| | 35. Dibang Valley(Anninl) | Do. |
| | 36. Lohit(Tezu) | Do. |
| | 37. Tirap (Khonsa) | Do. |
| Rajasthan Circle. | 1. Banswara | Rajasthan |
| | 2. Bundi | Do. |
| | 3. Jhalawar | Do. |
| | 4. Jaisalmer | Do. |
| | 5. Jalore | Do. |
| J&K Circle | 1. Anantnag | J& Kashmir |
| | 2. Pulwama | Do. |
| | 3. Badgam | Do. |
| | 4. Kupwara | Do. |
| | 5. Kargil | Do. |
| | 6. Doda | Do. |
| | 7. Kathua | Do. |
| | 8. Rajouri | Do. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| | 9. Poonch | Do. |
| Delhi (U.T.) Circle | Nil | |
| Maharashtra Circle | 1. Parbhani | Maharashtra |
| | 2. Yeotmal | Do. |
| | 3. Bhandara | Do. |
| | 4. Latur | Do. |
| | 5. Jalna | Do. |
| | 6. Gadchiroli | Do. |
| Uttar Pradesh Circle | 1. Hamirpur | Uttar Pradesh |
| | 2. Lalitpur | Do. |
| | 3. Unnao | Do. |
| | 4. Rampur | Do. |
| | 5. Pilibhit | Do. |
| | 6. Uttar kashi | Do. |
| West Bengal Circle | 1. North District | Sikkim |
| | 2. South District | Do. |
| | 3. West District | Do. |
| | 4. Nicobar | U.T. of A & N Islands. |

**Post offices in rural areas**

720. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to revise the norms for opening new post offices in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Postal facilities in A.P. villages**

721. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Andhra Pradesh which do not have postal and telegram facilities as on the 31st January, 1988 and by when these villages are likely to be provided with these facilities; and

(b) how many post and telegraph offices were opened in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a)

*Postal facilities:*

The following postal facilities are provided in all the villages.

(i) Delivery of postal articles and payment of money orders.

(ii) Sale of postage stamps and stationery.

(iii) Collection of registered and unregistered articles for despatch.

*Telegraph facilities:*

Telegraph facilities are provided on the basis of 5 km side hexagon area. On this basis 29938 villages in Andhra Pradesh are formed into 4999 inhabited hexagons and 4047 hexagons are covered by telegraph facilities as on 31-1-88. The rest of hexagons will be covered by March, 1990.